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- 54 Azetidinone derivatives.
- 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula



$$\mathbb{R}^2$$
 $\mathbb{N}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ 
 $\mathbb{N}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ 

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2,  $R^1$  is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, an

optionally substituted phenethyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted benzyl group or a bis(alkoxycarbonyl)ethyl group, and R<sup>2</sup> is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group or an optionally substituted phenyl group, are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents.

#### **AZETIDINONE DERIVATIVES**

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### 1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity.

#### 10 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Although some compounds having azetidinone skeleton which show antibacterial activity have been known in the past, any azetidinone derivative showing blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity has not been yet reported.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

As a result of earnest researches to blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity of the compounds having an azetidinone skeleton, the present inventors have found novel 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity, and the present invention has been completed.

An object of the present invention is to provide 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{R}^2 & \circ & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \mathbb{R}^1 & & & \end{array}$$

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, £ is 1 or 2, R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

(wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a lower alkyl group), and R<sup>2</sup> is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

Other object of the present invention is to provide blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing the compound of formula I.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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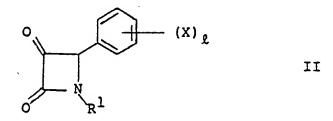
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In the present invention, the term "lower alkyl group" refers to straight or branched chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group, an isopropyl group, a butyl group, an isobutyl group, a tert-butyl group and the like. The term "cycloalkyl group" refers to a cyclopentyl group and a cyclohexyl group. The term "lower alkoxy group" refers to those having 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a propoxy group and the like. The term "halogen atom" refers to a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom and an iodine atom. The term "lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group" refers to those such as, for example, a methoxycarbonylmethyl group, an ethoxycarbonylmethyl group and the like.

Preferred compounds of formula I are those wherein X is a hydrogen atom, R<sup>1</sup> is a benzyl group or a chlorobenzyl group, and R<sup>2</sup> is a nitrophenyl group.

The compounds of the present invention can be easily prepared, for example, by a reaction (i.e., Wittig Reaction) of a compound represented by the general formula



wherein R1, X and £ are as defined above, with a Wittig reagent represented by the general formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}(C_{6}^{H_{5}})_{3}} \mathbb{III}$$

wherein R2 is as defined above.

Reaction solvents used in this reaction are those used in the ordinary Wittig Reaction such as, for example, benzene, ethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, chloroform, methylene chloride, dimethoxyethane and the like. The reaction temperature is from -30°C to the temperature of the boiling point of the solvent used, preferably from 0°C to 30°C. The reaction time depends on the starting material, the Wittig reagent or the reaction temperature, but usually it is from 2 to 48 hours, and the reaction may be stopped after the disappearance of the starting material observed by using thin layer silica gel column chromatography.

Configuration of the oxyalkylidene substituent of especially useful compounds of the present invention is E-form, and the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-configuration is di-form.

Some of the compounds of formula II are known, and some are new and can be prepared by the methods described in the literature [e.g., Tetrahedron Letters, Vol. 25 (No. 42), page 4733 (1984)].

It is recognized that the compounds of the present invention have excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and very poor bleeding tendency as side-effect, and therefore, they are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents. For the purpose, these compounds can be administered orally or parenterally in a conventional dosage form such as tablets, powders, granules, capsules, solutions, emulsions, suspensions, injectional solutions and the like, each of which can be prepared by conventional pharmaceutical practices.

The dosage used as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents to human depends on the age, weight or response of patient, administration route or time of administration, but usually it may be from 10 to 3000 mg per day.

The LD<sub>50</sub> of the compound of formula I in mouse is more than 5000 mg/kg.

Next, the following experiments illustrate concretely excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and prolongation effect of bleeding time of the compound of the present invention.

#### 15 Experiment 1 [invitro test in rabbit]

Citrated blood (one volume of 3.2% sodium citrate; 9 volumes of blood) was collected from carotid artery of male, New Zealand strain house rabbit, centrifuged at 150 g for 15 minutes to give platelet rich plasma (PRP) as a supernatant, and the remaining blood was centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 minutes to give platelet poor plasma (PPP) as a supernatant. The platelet count of PRP was adjusted to 50 - 60 × 10<sup>4</sup>/µl by dilution of PPP. Blood platelet aggregation was carried out according to the method of Born [Born, G.V.R., Nature, 194, 927 (1962)]. Namely, 25 µl of the test drug, (all the test drugs were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide and adjusted to the desired concentration with physiological saline solution), was added to 250 µl of PRP, and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 3 minutes. 25 µl of the aggregation inducing substance [adenosine diphosphate (ADP); final concentration 5 µM or collagen: final concentration 5 µg/ml] was added, the mixture was measured for 5 minutes by blood platelet aggregation ability measurement apparatus (Aggricoda TM-PA-3210, Kyoto Dai-ichi Kagaku) to obtain the maximum aggregation rate, and there was calculated the concentration of the test drug (ICs) which brings about 50% inhibition to the maximum aggregation rate obtained by adding the aggregation inducing substance to PRP containing the solvent only.

The compound numbers in Table 1 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

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Table 1

			/		7.0	(22.11)
	Compound No.	IC5	0 (х hW)	Compound No.	105	(χ μM)
10		ADP	Collagen		ADP	Collagen
	1	33	14	43	14.0	7.7
	2	28	32	44	10.3	7.3
15	- 4	13	16	45	4.4	5.2
75	5	24	23.5	52	7.9	-
	6	24	18	53	4.9	-
	7	12	23	54	. 11.2	15.5
20	8	9.2	13.6	55	10.5	8.3
	9	15	12	56	2.9	6.5
	10	36	26	67	27.7	11.0
25	11	>30	22	68	13.6	7.5
	12	5.6	4.7	75	3.8	5.4
	15	21.5	16.6	76	14.3	10.5
30	16	12.5	4.1	77	4.3	2.9
	17	7.7	5.0	78	6.2	8.3
	18	6.6	3.2	79	4.3	5.1
	21	30.9		80	7.4	10.9
35	22	41.3	-	81	-5.5	7.0
	24	6.4	-	85	17.7	14.4
	25	11.1	6.6	86	6.2	5.3
40	26	16.5	9.5	91	9.7	6.7
	29	9.0	8.1	92	7.3	6.5
	32	3.5	3.8	93	18.3	8.7
45	33	11.9	12.5	94	8.0	6.9
	34	8.2	6.6	95	15.4	2.5
	37	21.2	17.8	96	3.9	3.7
50	38	9.0	4.6	97	16.0	3.2
JU	39	>30	>30	98	11.2	8.8
	40	11.3	13.2	103	18.5	6.7
	41	4.2	5.1	papaverin	>100	>100
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Experiment 2 [prolonging test of the bleeding time in mouse]

Six male ICR strain mice weighing 20 g for each group were administered orally with 300 mg/kg of the test drug (all the test drugs were used in the form of the suspension in 0.5% CMC). Two hours after administration, 5 mm of the tail from the top was cut under pentobarbital anesthesia, and the bleeding was observed by tapping at the cutting site with a filter paper every 15 seconds. The time when the bleeding was observed stopping for one minute is defined as the arrest point of bleeding, and the duration required from the time when the cutting was done to the arrest point of bleeding is defined as the bleeding time. The observation was carried out up to 1200 seconds. Ticlopidine was used as a positive control.

The results were shown in Table 2. The compound numbers in Table 2 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

Table 2

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Compound No.	Bleeding time $\pm$ standard error
53	270.0 ± 54.08
56	277.5 ± 36.90
ticlopidine	1127.5 ± 72.50 (note)
the solvent	305.0 ± 77.23

(Note) P < 0.05 by Mann and Whitney's U test.

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The following Examples illustrate the method for preparing the compound of the present invention in more detail.

#### Example 1

# Preparation of (E)-3-(2-oxopropylidene)-1,4-diphenyl-2-azetidinone (Compound 1)

To a solution of 0.67 g of acetylmethylene triphenylphosphorane in 70 ml of benzene was added at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere a solution of 0.50 g of 1,4-diphenyl-2,3-azetidinedione in 30 ml of benzene, and the mixture was stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the benzene was evaporated, and the residue was applied to silica gel column chromatography (eluent; methylene chloride). The desired fractions were combined, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compound as pale yellow needles. Yield 0.32 g, m.p. 157.5 - 158.5 °C

#### Example 2

Following the similar procedure of that of Example 1, there were obtained the compounds 2 to 118, which were listed in Table 3 including the compound obtained in Example 1.

5				m.p. (°C)	157.5-158.5	149-150.5	130.5-132.5	226-227	174-177	227.5-228.5	147.5-150	222-223	239.5-241	250.5-256
10				E	15	14	13	22	17	22	14	22	23	25
15		٠	٠		J		>-	d	p-methylphenyl	p-methoxyphenyl	o,p-dimethoxy- phenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-chlorophenyl	p-bromophenyl
20			•	R <sup>2</sup>	methyl	ethyl	ethoxy	phenyl	p-met	p-met	o,p-d pheny	p-flu	p-chl	p-bro
25		(x) <sub>k</sub>												
30	Table 3		0 R1											
35		7. X	_											
40			-	Rl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	pheny1	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl
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				Table 3	(Cont'd)					-
11	Ħ		phenyl				p-biphenyl	1	250-250.5	2
12	Ħ		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	235.5-236.5	6.5
13	н		phenyl				amino		212-213	
14	H		phenyl	,•			l-adamantyl	yı	198.5-200	0
15	H		phenyl				ethoxycarbonyl- methyl	bonyl-	154.5-159.	9.5
16	Н		o-methylphenyl	lphenyl			p-methoxyphenyl	phenyl	142-144	
17	H		o-methylphenyl	lphenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	140.4-141.	1.9
18	н		o-methylphenyl	lphenyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	199.5-200.4	0.4
19	H		2,6-dime	2,6-dimethylphenyl	Ţ,		p-fluorophenyl	henyl	188-189.	2
20	H	•	2,6-dime	2,6-dimethylphenyl	7,		p-nitrophenyl	eny1	300 or above	bove
21	ш		o-methy]	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	ophenyl		p-methylphenyl	henyl	142-144	
22	н		o-methy]	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	phenyl		p-methoxyphenyl	phenyl	147-148.	2
23	Н		o-methy]	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	ophenyl		p-fluorophenyl	henyl	172-174	
24	н		o-methy	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	ophenyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	195-196	
25	Н		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	ophenyl		methyl		149.5-151.5	1.5

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55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
				Table	3 (Cont'd)					
26	н		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	rophenyl		phenyl		145-147	
27	Ħ		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	cophenyl		p-fluorophenyl	henyl	140-142	
28	H		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	.cophenyl		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	195.5-197	
29	н	•	p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			phenyl		206-208.5	
30			p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	211-213	
31	H		p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-chlorophenyl	henyl	221.5-224	
32			p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	204.5-207	
33	H		o-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	180.5-183	
34	н		o-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-nitrophenyl	eny1	219.7-221	
35	H		o-chlorophenyl	ophenyl		٠	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	146-147.5	
36	Ħ		o-chlorophenyl	ophenyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	189-191	
37	н		3,5-dic	3,5-dichlorophenyl	171		p-fluorophenyl	henyl	200.2-201.	٤.
38	н		3,5-dic	3,5-dichlorophenyl	17.1		p-nitrophenyl	enyl	206 (decomposition)	ion)
39	н		p-bromophenyl	phenyl			p-methoxyphenyl	phenyl	208-209	
40	Ħ		p-bromophenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	211.5-213	

10 15 20 30	Table 3 (Cont'd)	p-bromophenyl 222-224	o-methoxyphenyl p-nitrophenyl 219-221.2	m-trifluoromethylphenyl phenyl 174-177	m-trifluoromethylphenyl p-fluorophenyl 159.5-161	m-trifluoromethylphenyl p-nitrophenyl 181.5-184	p-dimethylaminophenyl p-nitrophenyl 168-170	p-carboxylphenyl p-fluorophenyl 300 or above	p-dichloroacetylphenyl p-fluorophenyl 180.5-183.5	p-dichloroacetylphenyl p-nitrophenyl 190.5-192.5	12yl methyl 76.5-78.5	111.5-113.5   12y1	2yl p-fluorophenyl 105-107.5	zyl p-nitrophenyl 122-126	o-chlorobenzyl methyl 78-79	
40		p-bromop	o-methox	m-triflu	m-triflu	m-triflu	p-dimeth	p-carbox	p-dichlo	p-dichlo	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	o-chloro	
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55		41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	20	51	52	53	54	!

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				Table	3 (Cont'd)					
56	H		o-chlorobenzyl	benzyl		. •	p-nitrophenyl	enyl	113-115	
57	ш		l(S)-phenethyl	nethyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	127.5-130.5	0.5
58	H		1-carboxy-2-phenethyl	y-2-phen	ethyl		p-fluorophenyl	ıenyl	250-255	
59	н		propyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	88.5-91	
09	н		propyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	127.5-130.5	0.5
61	Н		cyclohexyl	yl			methy1		124-127	
62	H		cyclohexyl	уl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	125-126.5	2
63	H		cyclohexyl	yl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	199-202.5	2
64	н		1,2-bis(Pethyl	methoxyc	l,2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)- ethyl		p-fluorophenyl	henyl	126-128	
65	p-methyl		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	neny1	208.5-211	<del></del> 1
99	p-methyl		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	240.5-242.	2.5
29	p-ethyl		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	nenyl	143-144.2	2
89	p-ethyl		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-nitrophenyl	eny1	157.2-158.6	9.8
69	o-methoxy		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	nenyl	133-135.	2
70	o-methoxy		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	178-180.5	2

5 10		p-fluorophenyl 173.5-176.2	p-nitrophenyl 194.5-196.5	p-fluorophenyl 164.5-169	p-nitrophenyl 192-195	p-nitrophenyl 166.5-167.5	p-fluorophenyl 209.5-211	p-nitrophenyl 225-226	p-fluorophenyl 157-159.5	p-nitrophenyl 193-195.5	p-fluorophenyl 191.3-192.2	p-nitrophenyl 224.8-226.7	p-fluorophenyl 213.5-216	p-fluorophenyl 150-151.5	p-nitrophenyl ' 180-182	
20		p-f1	p-ni	p-fl	p-ni	p-ni	p-f1	in-q	p-fl	p-ni	p-fl	p-n i	p-fl	p-fl	p-nit	
25	Cont'd)															
30 35	Table 3 (Cont'd)								henyl	henyl				ıenyl	nenyl	
40		phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	
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50		m-methoxy	m-methoxy	3,4-dimethoxy	3,4-dimethoxy	p-hydroxy	p-fluoro	p-fluoro	p-fluoro	p-fluoro	o-fluoro	o-fluoro	o-chloro	p-chloro	p-chloro	
55		71	72	73	74	75	16	77	78	19	80	81	82	83	84	

5		180-180.5	225-227	210-212	182.2-187.7	180.5-183.7	147-148	110-112	156.5-158.5	146.5-148.5	126-127.5	116-117	145-147	157.5-159.5	124-126	107.5-109
		7.1	ıyı	۲٦	ıyı	7.1	γl	۲,	γı	y1	уl	уl	γl	y1	уl	уl
15		p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl
20		p-nit	p-flu	p-nit	p-flu	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-n'i t	p-nit	p-ni
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30	3 (Cont'd)										lbenzyl				lbenzyl	lbenzyl
35	Table	o-methylphenyl			o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	p-methylbenzyl	p-methoxylbenzyl	p-fluorobenzyl	o-methoxybenzyl	o-trifluoromethylbenzyl	o-fluorobenzyl	m-chlorobenzyl	p-chlorobenzyl	m-trifluoromethylbenzyl	p-trifluoromethylbenzyl
40		o-meth	phenyl	phenyl	o-met1	o-met	p-met}	p-met	p-fluc	o-meth	o-tri	o-fluc	m-chlc	p-chlo	m-tri	p-tri
45																
50		p-bromo	o-bromo	o-bromo	p-cyano	p-cyano	н	H	H	ш	н	н	н	H	11	æ
55		98	. 87	88	68	06	91	92	93	94	95	96	16	86	66	100

5		124-126	148-151	86-96	145.5-148	167.5-169	96-97.5	108-110.5	100-102	136-138	111-113	111-114	127-128	118-120	82-87	98.5-101.5
15		p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl
20		p-ni	p-ni	p-ni(	p-ni	p-ni	p-f1	p-fl	p-f1	p-f11	p-f1	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit	p-nit
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30	le 3 (Cont'd)	<b>z</b> y1	3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl	oenzyl	oenzyl	:hy1	ť	:y1	m-trifluoromethylbenzyl	p-trifluoromethylbenzyl	enzyl					Ħ
35	Table	m-methoxybenzyl	methylene	2,4-dichlorobenzyl	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	l-naphthylmethyl	o-fluorobenzyl	m-methoxybenzyl	ifluorome	ifluorome	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	уl	yl	yl	у1	o-chlorobenzyl
40		m-me	3,4-	2,4-	3,4-	l-na	0-f1	m-me	m-tr	p-tr	3,4-	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	o-ch
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55		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115

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15		p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenýl	p-nitrophenyl	
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35	Tab	o-chlorobenzyl	o-chlorobenzyl	o-chlorobenzyl	
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<b>45</b>	•	p-isopropyl	o-fluoro	p-trifluoro- methyl	
55		116	117	118	

Claims

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1. 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

(wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a lower alkyl group), and R<sup>2</sup> is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

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(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

2. Blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} R^2 & 0 & \\ & & \\ 0 & & \\ & & \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X & 1 \\$$

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R1 is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

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(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

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(wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a lower alkyl group), and R<sup>2</sup> is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

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$$\langle z \rangle_n$$

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(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

- 3. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylidene substituent has the E-configuation.
- 4. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1 or Claim 3, wherein the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-position is of the dl-form.
- 5. A process for producing a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula

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wherein  $R^1$ , X and  $\mathfrak L$  are as defined in Claim 1, with a Wittig reagent of the formula

$$\mathbb{R}^2$$
  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}_6^{\mathbb{H}_5})_3$ 

wherein R2 is as defined in Claim 1.

- 6. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a pharmaceutical.
- 7. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agent.
- 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.



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